

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3380, Proposed Amendment**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Hospital Infections Disclosure Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This proposed strike and insert amendment to House Bill 3380 amends and adds various Sections to Article 20 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the S. C. Code of Laws known as the Hospital Infections Disclosure Act. The Bill, as amended, excludes psychiatric and substance abuse hospitals from these reporting requirements and adds that infirmaries may be included if the Advisory Committee determines it to be feasible. Section 44-7-2431 authorizes that the reporting program may be implemented in phases and extends the date (From Feb.1, 2009 to 2013) by which all hospital reports must fully comply with the program guidelines established by DHEC and the Advisory Committee. The Bill authorizes DHEC to determine the period of time during which infection data is accumulated and reported, and requires DHEC to also make the annual report on hospital-acquired infections available to the public through each hospital. The Bill specifies the steps that must be taken to insure the confidentiality of the information reported by hospitals.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

The Department reports that this Bill would have no fiscal impact on the agency. There is no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other funds.

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

This Bill would have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, or on Federal and/or Other Funds. MUSC is currently meeting reporting requirements specified in the Bill.

Approved by:



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